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ReNYlet dated 3/14/62, to the Director, and NYlet to the Director dated 4/19/62.

Dr. ERNESTO ARAGON, 233 East 69th Street, NYC, who is Secretary to Dr. JOSE MIRO CARDONA, head of the Cuban Revolutionary Council (CRC), was in Washington, D.C. with MIRO CARDONA from 3/15/62 through 4/13/62. ARAGON and MIRO CARDONA were again in Washington, D.C. at the request of the US State Department from 4/16/62 through 4/19/62, and again at the request of Attorney General ROBERT F. KENNEDY on 4/24 and 25/62, and again from 4/30 through 5/2/62. Due to the extended absence from NYC, the NYO has been unable to have personal contact with ARAGON and has been unable to obtain all information relative to his and MIRO CARDONA's visits to Washington, D.C. and US Government officials. It is anticipated that within the next several days, ARAGON will be free to discuss in detail his visits to Washington, D.C., and the Bureau will be advised of the results of this contact with ARAGON. (S)(u)

On 5/3/62, ARAGON telephonically contacted the NYO and stated that he thought it would be a good idea to come to the Park Sheraton Hotel to meet and talk with Dr. JOSE MIRO CARDONA. This was arranged with ARAGON and MIRO CARDONA was contacted on 5/3/62, in Suite 1412 at the Park Sheraton Hotel, 56th Street and 7th Avenue, NYC. (S)(u)

Dr. JOSE MIRO CARDONA advised on 5/3/62, that he and Dr. ARAGON had just returned from Washington, D.C., and he personally was very optimistic about the future of Cuba and based his optimism on conversations which he had in Washington, D.C. with various US Government officials. Without going (S)(u)

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no longer deals with GOODWIN which pleases him very much as he personally did not like GOODWIN because GOODWIN was very young and was uninformed on Latin American matters, but considered himself an expert because he had read two books on Latin America and had spent a total of 18 days in Latin countries. MIRO stated that dealing with GOODWIN was personally a very difficult thing for him to do and most of the time was very frustrating. (S)(u)

Dr. JOSE MIRO CARDONA, on 5/3/62, was questioned relative to his dealings with CIA, and MIRO CARDONA stated that he personally has excellent relations with his contact in Miami, Florida, whom he referred to as "JOHNNY." MIRO CARDONA stated that there has been a complete change among the personnel of CIA who are engaged in matters relating to the Cuban question, and these individuals seem to be of a very high caliber and very intelligent, but due to the fact that they are new, it may take a little while to completely indoctrinate them. MIRO stated that on the whole, he is most satisfied with the assistance which he is receiving from CIA and has all the respect in the world for CIA. (S)(u)

NY 2865-S advised on 5/7/62, that he had met with Dr. MIRO CARDONA at the Park Sheraton Hotel on the afternoon of 5/4/62. NY 2865-S stated that he has never been a supporter of MIRO CARDONA but met with MIRO CARDONA at the request of Dr. ARAGON because he thinks so highly of ARAGON. NY 2865-S stated that in talking with MIRO CARDONA, he informed him that he was meeting with MIRO because of his friendship for ARAGON and also because he is a member of the former Armed Forces of Cuba. NY 2865-S stated that MIRO said that he knew the reason for his visiting and appreciated his frankness in his conversation. NY 2865-S advised that MIRO CARDONA had informed him that he was very optimistic about the future of Cuba and informed him that he had recently had a conference with President KENNEDY and felt that the situation in Cuba would be corrected in a short time. MIRO CARDONA stated that the former members of the Armed Forces of Cuba to which NY 2865-S belonged, should remain united and that they (S)(u)

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definitely would have a future in Cuba when the present regime there is replaced. NY 2865-S advised that MIRO CARDONA did not indicate to him any details of his conversation with the President of the US nor did he indicate in any way how the present regime would be overthrown or when it would be overthrown. (S)(u)

NY 2865-S advised that he did not spend too long a period of time with MIRO CARDONA due to the many interruptions from visitors and telephone calls for MIRO CARDONA. (S)(u)

The above information is not being submitted in a form suitable for dissemination because the nature of the information reflects the thinking of some officials of the US Government and indicates that there is possible involvement of the US Government in this matter.

The interview of Dr. ERNESTO ARAGON will be conducted by the NYO at the earliest possible moment which is convenient to Dr. ARAGON and full details will be obtained from him relative to his and MIRO CARDONA's trips and conferences in Washington, D.C. (S)(u)

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